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Fall Creek Falls State Park Celebrates Christmas on the Mountain Dec. 5-7

PIKEVILLE, **Tenn**. - Herald in the holidays at Fall Creek Falls State Park's annual Christmas on the Mountain Celebration slated for Friday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 7, at the park's Inn and Conference Center.

In addition to a number of activities for all ages, the three-day celebration will feature handmade holiday crafts, candies and breads. Many of the specialty items on display at the event will be included in the Friends of Fall Creek Falls' silent auction scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The inn will be adorned with holiday decorations and carolers from various groups and choirs will sing throughout the weekend. Adding to the festive spirit will be two evening appearances on Friday and Saturday by Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, bringing gifts for the little ones. Other appearances by Santa and Mrs. Claus include a breakfast at the Inn's restaurant on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8 -10 a.m. and a lunch on Sunday from noon until 2 p.m.

Other activities include Christmas craft making and Victorian tea parties offered on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for children ages 3 - 12. For tea party reservations, please contact Betty Bickford at (423) 881-3297.

During the weekend of Dec. 6-7, the Fall Creek Falls Restaurant also will be serving a seafood buffet on Friday night and a chef-carved Prime Rib buffet on Saturday night. On Sunday, the restaurant will offer a traditional holiday meal from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

To make the weekend even more special, the Fall Creek Falls Inn is offering a "Christmas on the Mountain Package." The package is based on double occupancy and will include two nights lodging, along with breakfast Saturday and Sunday for \$124.12. To make reservations, please contact the Fall Creek Falls Inn at 1-800-250-8610 or (423) 881-5241. For more information concerning activities, call (423) 881-5708.

Fall Creek Falls State Park features waterfalls, cascades, streams, gorges, timberland and a variety of recreation facilities and activities. The park is located in Bledsoe and Van Buren counties, 11 miles east of Spencer and 11 miles west of Pikeville. It may be entered from Highway 111 or Highway 30. For more information about Fall Creek Falls State Park, visit our Web site at www.tnstateparks.com/FallCreekFalls.